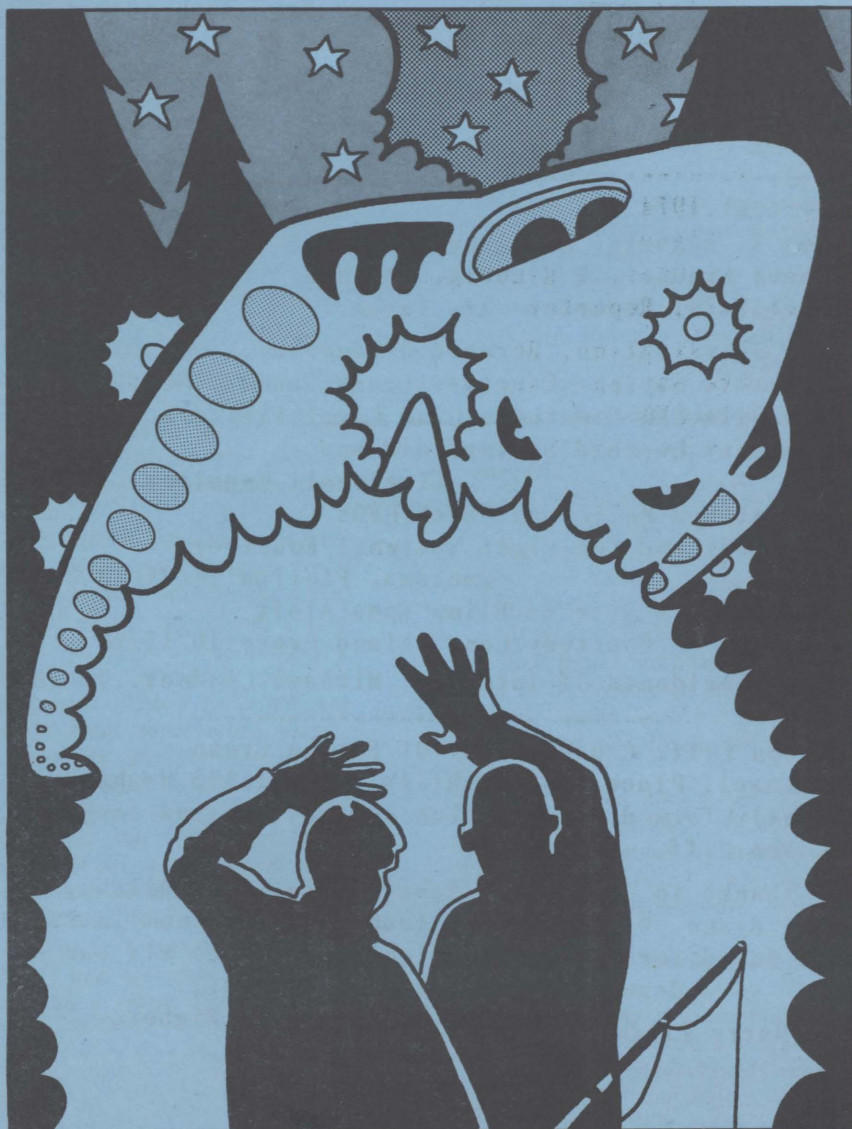


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People Are Saying ...

THE SKYLAB 2 mission is doing wonderful things in the way of probing mysteries. One of the most intriguing is the one surrounding the "Airfield of Ancient Astronauts," recently seen on TV — a re-run, credited in part to the book *Chariots of the Gods*, by Erich Von Daniken.

It may not ever have been an airfield, the strip 37 miles long and one mile wide on a plain high in the Peruvian Andes, but in the TV program it looked like one. On the plains around the strip are many criss-cross patterns and figures carved into the landscape.

Archeologists and anthropologists have never determined what all those ancient carvings represent, but maybe they've never seen it from the air. The patterns can be observed beautifully from the air.

It is hard to see how those precise geometric designs could have been laid out without aerial aid. Of course this led to speculation the project was a landing strip used centuries ago by spacecraft piloted by intelligent beings from some other planet.

Hopefully the Skylab-eye view will shed light on the subject

Meantime, down in Athens, Georgia, the UPI carried a story about a frightened man who dashed into police HDQ's September 3rd, and said a strange "bright-flashing object" had swooped toward his car on a North Georgia highway.

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UFOs during the Reading Air Show? Possible.

A recent sighting in Pennsylvania involved a reported "manned" UFO in a field, in Berks County.

One report concerned a sighting made by Clyde O. Donahower, Robeson, Pa., who was awakened around 1:30 AM one morning in mid-March, when he heard a rumbling noise followed by a screeching sound.

Mr. Donahower got up to investigate, called his wife to verify what he was seeing . . . "he couldn't believe what he was seeing and wanted her to see it."

"It looked like it was sitting on a hill in a field near the house, but it may have been hovering beyond the field."

"I can't say how big it was because it was hard to judge the distance, but it seemed to keep changing shape as it changed color."

The object was pale red, then slowly changed to pale green, she said.

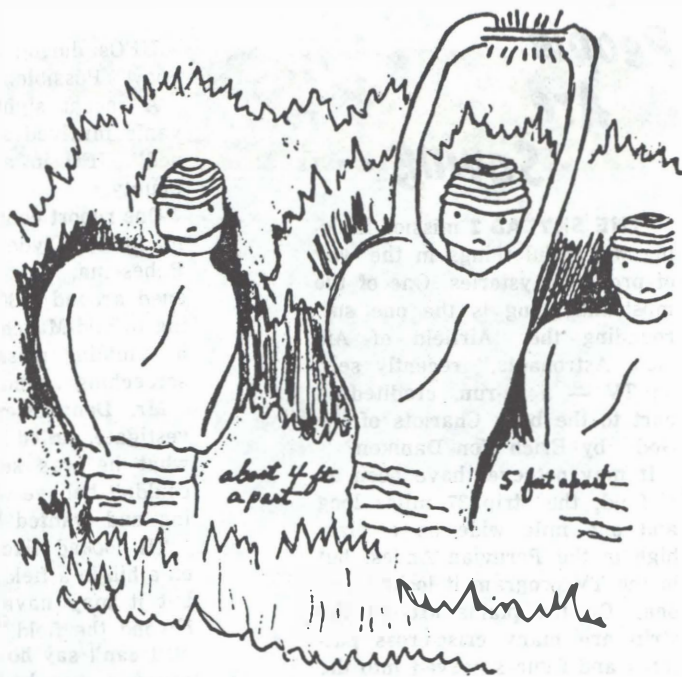
The couple and their eight-year-old son watched the object for about 20 minutes and at one point they saw something moving inside.

"It was a black figure . . . like a stick figure, only, thicker, moving in the center. It was moving about, really scary. We were frightened and fascinated at the same time."

They called the police. Chief Norman Brunner, Heildelberg Township, arrived at the Conahower home around 2 AM, questioned the Donahowers separately.

"All of their stories were consistent," Chief Brunner said. "I'm sure they saw something."

Police and Donahower walked into the plowed cornfield where they thought the object might have landed, but could see no signs of disturbance to the ground.



What "RH" Saw In Branch Hill

... are they the same folks who "landed" in Pascagoula?

Pascagoula UFO Creatures Like Local 'Visitors'

By GRAYDON DeCAMP
Enquirer Reporter

All right, you "Star Trek" fans, chew on this for awhile: Last Thursday two men in Pascagoula, Miss., say they were taken aboard a glowing blue spacecraft by three creatures with gray wrinkled skin and broad thin mouths.

In 1955, a Cincinnati man reported he saw three creatures with gray wrinkled skin and broad thin mouths—alongside Loveland-Madeira Road near Branch Hill.

The same ... uh, race?

Could be, says Leonard Stringfield. And he's the man who wrote the book, so to speak, about UFOs — unidentified flying objects. At least, Stringfield says, the similarities are striking enough to offer possibilities of more than mere coincidence.

Clearly, the UFO market is bullish these days.

Reports have come from New Lisbon and Lewisville, Ind.; Springdale, Mt. Lookout, Finneytown, Batavia, Milford, and

UFO calls harry police.

Middletown, Ohio. They've been seen in Pennsylvania and in Beckley, W. Va. A man in Connersville, Ind., said someone told him 50 people saw one land near a factory there. Then, of course, there's Pascagoula ...

A Northwestern University astronomer who interviewed the Mississippi men said he believes their report and thinks the fish-shaped ship they described is from another planet.

TO ALL THIS add the voice of some Russian scientists who said in Moscow Tuesday they picked up unusual radio signals from space and thinks they "might be from a technically developed extraterrestrial civilization."

(Then again, said the Russians, they might not.)

Stringfield, a public relations man for DuBois Chemical, has quested for years for detailed information about UFOs. When he read the Pascagoula report, it reminded him of something he'd included in a book he wrote in 1957, while he was an information-gatherer for the Air Force's now-dead UFO project, "Blue Book."

Stringfield's book describes the 1955 "Branch Hill" report from the Cincinnati man — whom Stringfield identifies only as "RH," for reasons unexplained.

Stringfield also telephoned Pascagoula Sheriff Fred Diamond to find out what the two men there said they saw.

"They said there were three creatures in the craft," Stringfield said the sheriff told him the men said. "They said they had deeply furrowed foreheads ... their coloring was overall gray ... with broad thin mouths."

Then Stringfield displayed his book, including a sketch he himself had drawn from the description given him by "RH" of the three creatures "RH" said he saw that dark pre-dawn in March, 1955, in Branch Hill.

FROM THE BOOK: "RH saw three creatures kneeling by the roadside" and thought someone was hurt. So he stopped to see. Instead, he "found the figures were nonhuman and about three feet tall ... grayish color including the garments ... which were tight fitting stretched over a lopsided chest which bulged at the shoulder to an armpit."

"Over this bulbousness hung a slender arm noticeably longer than its opposite ... heads were ugly (like) a frog's face ... mouths in a thin line across smooth gray face."

Then — does this clinch it? — "RH" reported the creatures' foreheads were "corrugated ... like rolls of fat horizontally over a bald head."

One thing that is not clinched is the matter of eyes. "RH" described the Branch Hill creatures' eyes as mere pinpoints, small and "beady."

Tuesday night their attorney said the two men had agreed to undergo lie-detector tests sometime soon.

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3 Astonished Policemen Watch UFOs Put On Awesome Aerial Circus Over Missouri

By BRIAN G. WELLS

Three veteran policemen, a former radar operator and his wife say they watched Unidentified Flying Objects put on an awesome "aerial circus" over eastern Missouri.

"I saw about five of them," said Deputy Pete Bishop of the St. Charles County, Mo., sheriff's department. "They were a bright white color — small, like stars. I thought at first they must be planes. But I've never seen planes move like that. They were UFOs, they couldn't have been anything else."

"They'd go along in a straight line at incredible speeds, stop and shoot up at a 90-degree angle. It was weird, knowing you were watching something from outer space."

The UFOs were first spotted by Bob Baumbach, 31, a postal clerk and former Air Force radar operator. He and his wife, Patricia, 26, were walking near their house in St. Charles at about 9:30 p.m. last June 12.



THE BAUMBACHS:
"We were scared."

"I just happened to glance up and see this object streaking across the sky," Baumbach said. "I blinked a couple of times. I didn't believe it."

"It was a pretty clear night but there were two massive clouds about 20 miles apart. This thing would dart between the clouds."

"Then another one shot out of the clouds and then another — about four in all. They were icy blue in color and the strange thing was there was no noise coming from them. They didn't

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Starting in the 1920's, Mr. Sanderson has led scientific collecting trips to such remote places as Nigeria, Guatemala, Malaya, and Dutch Guiana, all supported and backed by scientific institutions, such as the Percy Sladen Foundation of the British Museum. He has had his own TV show. The author and his wife (who collaborates on research and writing) currently divide their time between a farm in New Jersey and a New York apartment.

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leave any vapor trail or anything like that. They zipped backward and forward across the sky at fantastic speeds.

"It was like an aerial circus, like they were playing around up there. It shook us because we'd never seen anything like it before."

Said Mrs. Baumbach: "We were scared. Whatever it was, it was something that shouldn't have been there."

Baumbach said he called the police "because we wanted someone in authority to back up what we'd seen." The first to come was Patrolman Reuben Abbington, 31.

"When the police radio said this dude had seen a UFO, I

had a quiet chuckle," Abbington said.

"And when I got there, I couldn't see anything at first. But suddenly I saw this object zip across the sky at lightning speed. I watched for about 50 minutes and saw three of them in all. Their maneuverability was unbelievable. I never saw anything like it in my life."

Deputy Bishop and Detective Ray Clarke, also of the St. Charles County police, arrived and joined Abbington and the Baumbachs in watching the sky. As they did, an airliner from St. Louis International Airport passed overhead.

"One UFO was maybe 10-20 miles away, but it shot across

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DEPUTY Pete Bishop: "It was weird, knowing you were watching something from outer space."

the sky at lightning speed and caught up with the airliner in 2 seconds," said Baumbach.

"I doubt that the pilot saw it, as it took a sort of watching position directly above the plane and then suddenly darted off into a cloud."

Abbington radioed the police dispatcher to call the airport and ask whether radar had detected the UFO. The airport tower said no.

"We didn't know what to think when the airport said they weren't picking up anything but the airliner on their radar," said St. Charles Detective Ray Clarke, 29.

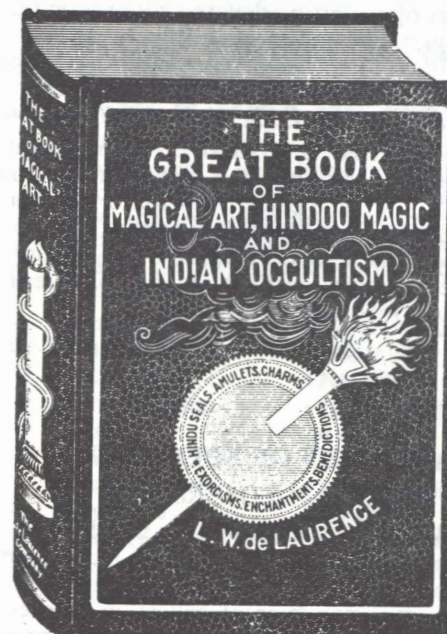
"We definitely saw something and they weren't planes. As far as I'm concerned they were UFOs. I saw three of them in all. They were small, white, star-like objects.

"I only watched them for about 15 minutes but those things were unbelievable. They sure did zip around the sky."

Baumbach and his wife watched the UFOs for 1½ hours "until they just faded out," said Baumbach. "I'm just glad they flew away from us instead of coming our way."

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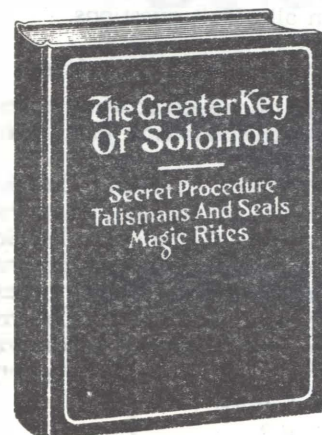
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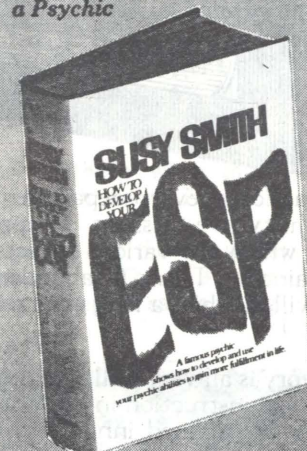
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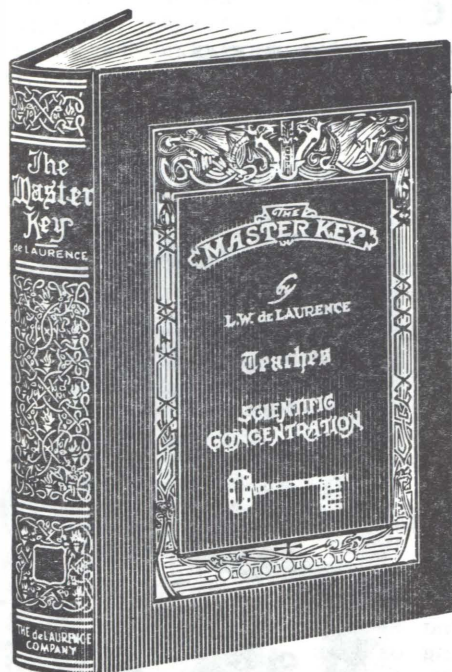
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The Goodyear blimp however, was afloat over Shea Stadium during the World Series game between the Mets and the Oakland Athletics.

Dozens of UFO's were again reported by citizens and police officers in southern and central Ohio last night, including a woman who said three UFO's forced her car off a road.

"I was driving home from my mother's when three huge lights, two white and one greenish, zoomed down," Mrs. Shirley Johnson of Chillicothe said.

"Two white lights were on either side of the car while the green one was in front," she said. "The kids were screaming and I was scared to death. I never saw anything like it."

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One of the most interesting stories of this summer's great flap came out of Pascagoula, Miss. when two men of that city told a strange tale of having been taken aboard a UFO.

Charles Hickson, 42, and Calvin Parker, 19, told Sheriff Fred Diamond that while they were fishing off an old pier on the west bank of the Pascagoula River on Thursday, October 11, 1973, they suddenly heard a buzzing sound at about 7PM. In Hickson's words: "I saw what looked like a bright, flashing blue light. It looked bluish to me. All of a sudden it seemed to stop."

Hickson described the object as "hovering" a few feet over the ground as "one end just opened...and I saw three things coming out. They seemed to floating across the water a couple of feet high.

"Before I knew it they were on me and two of them had me by each arm and immediately I was lifted from the ground. I was quite scared. It's hard to recall exactly what did happen."

Hickson told a Biloxi television station he was carried to the object where he was examined by "some kind of instrument...it reminded me of a big eye" which "covered my entire body."

The two men described the object as fish-shaped, about 10 feet square with an 8-foot ceiling. The occupants were said to have hairless, silvery-grey pale skin, long pointed ears and noses with an opening for a mouth, big eyes, and hands "like crab claws." The beings were "real wrinkled and the only sound they made was a buzzing, humming sound."

Parker, who along with Hickson, works at a local shipyard, said he was taken to the object too, but passed out shortly after the creatures appeared.

The men told authorities that after they were released, they had a "stiff drink", but had not been drinking before the incident. Chief Deputy Barney Mathis said they definitely ^{were} not drunk.

"They are reliable people," Sheriff Diamond

stated Friday, October 12. "They had no reason to say this if it had not been true. I know something did happen to them."

The men did not suffer any obvious physical injuries, but were badly frightened. Hickson said, "I was scared, and I'm still scared and shook up over it. The witnesses were taken to nearby Keesler Air Force Base on Friday, October 12 to be checked for possible radiation exposure. Military officers there said an examination by Air Force doctors found no evidence of radiation. (The information above comes, for the most part, the Saturday, October 13th, 1973 edition of "The Washington Star-News.")

Flying Saucer News learned last week that J. Allen Hynek, Northwestern University astronomer and former civilian Air Force UFO consultant, has taken an interest in this case. Our informant, a NICAP field investigator, told us he discovered that Hickson is a convicted felon, having served as the driver of a getaway car in a robbery some years ago. Our informant also alleges that Parker is now in a hospital, receiving treatment, after having suffered a mental breakdown after the experience. Our friend from NICAP believes the entire affair was a hoax engineered by Hickson, who, he claims, has been involved in various bunko-type operations over the years, in order to make money at a time public interest in UFOs is waxing hot. While it is of course possible to bring doubt upon the validity of almost any case, we at Flying Saucer News don't quite see how the alleged hoaxers have profited from the affair. They have been remarkably reluctant to discuss their experience, refusing to talk to reporters, and submitting to only one short television interview. We hope more concrete information will be forthcoming on this intriguing story from Mississippi.

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